

House Bill 233 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 30 and Code Section 31-8-81 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of disabled adults and elder persons and definitions for the "Long-term Care Facility Resident Abuse Reporting Act," respectively, so as to revise the definition of the term "exploitation"; to change provisions relating to criminal penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 30 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of disabled adults and elder persons, is amended by revising paragraph (9) of Code Section 30-5-3, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(9) 'Exploitation' means the illegal or improper use of a disabled adult or elder person or that person's resources through undue influence, coercion, harassment, duress, deception, false representation, false pretense, or other similar means for another's profit or advantage."

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) subsection (a) of Code Section 30-5-8, relating to criminal offenses and penalties, as follows:

"(a)(1) In addition to any other provision of law, ~~it shall be unlawful for any person to~~ the abuse, neglect, or ~~exploit~~ exploitation of any disabled adult or elder person shall be unlawful."

**SECTION 3.**

Code Section 31-8-81 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for the "Long-term Care Facility Resident Abuse Reporting Act," is amended by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

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